

WINTER CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FORT BENTON

Friday-December 4th

1:00-4:00 Fort Benton Realty Open House

Refreshments, Door Prizes, Drawings

Saturday – December 5th

8:00 AM -1:00 PM Santa's Mall for Children

All children, K through 6th Grade are invited to purchase Christmas presents at the IOOF Hall, 1112 Front Street. Sponsored by Fort Benton Rebekahs #105

8:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M. Grandmothers Christmas Mall

7th, 8th, & 9th graders are invited to purchase New Christmas Gifts at 1712 Front Street (Masonic Hall) from \$1 - \$5. Wonderful Door Prizes.

OPEN HOUSE AT FORT BENTON BUSINESSES Visit the local businesses. Many participating merchants are offering in-store specials, drawings & refreshments.

NEW Special Winter Celebration Discount Buttons designed by Brian Morger are available. These \$5.00 Brian Morger artist designed Buttons offer the buyer discounts from Dec. 1, to Dec. 24, at participating Chamber of Commerce businesses. Buttons are available at Benton Pharmacy, Expedition Pizza, WakeCup Coffee House, Riverview Greenhouse

Riverview Greenhouse Open House

- Refreshments, Drawing, & Free Calendars
- Beautiful Selection of Poinsettias

Benton Pharmacy Come in to see what's new!

- 10% off Christmas purchases
- make a Christmas Ornament

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Shonkin Woman's Club at Brother Vans' 1714 Front St.

- Bake Sale, Pies, & Crafts
- Dollar Store and Bargain Store

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bridgeport Station – Arts & Crafts Show

at the Montana Agricultural Center, 1205 20th St.

- Lunch Available
- Entertainment
- Santa from 2:00 – 3:00 Parents bring your camera

Throughout the day Navigate the Charm Trail

Many new charms as well as "new watch charm bracelets" are available for purchase at participating businesses. Pick up a map, buy the bracelet or "my glass hoops", and see how many charms you can collect during your day in Fort Benton. Buy 8 charms and receive one free-available at RJ's Toggery.

Special Feature

Buy a raffle ticket to win 6 piece wine set including "my hoops" with local charms at Bridgeport

Station. Watch Charms \$6 during Bridgeport only.

10:00 to 4:00 Saturday

Guest Houses Hold Open House Sat. 10:00 to 4:00

Stop by to visit & pick up their charms

- Franklin Street House, 1105 Franklin
- Emily's Vacation Cottage, 806 Franklin
- River Side Guest House, 415 River
- Rising Sun Guest House, 709 Main

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Grand Union Open House.

Various music playing throughout the day.

- Union Gift Shop will be open.
- Santa will visit. Bring your cameras.

11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Music during the day in:

- Grand Union
- WakeCup Coffee House
- Bridgeport Station
- Riverview Greenhouse

1:00-4:00 Florence Dedman Animal Shelter

Hosting a Christmas Photo Shoot and Open House at the Animal Shelter. Join Santa & his helpers for a Holiday Photo with your pets.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

4:30 Hot Chocolate & Hot Cider served at the Old

Bridge by the Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce

5:00 P.M. Lighting Up the Bridge followed

immediately by the Parade of Lights – Along Front Street (Line up at City Hall at 4:30 PM)

5:00 P.M. River Torch Tribute Luminaries,

Sponsored by Chouteau County Cancer Support Group. If you would like to donate by purchasing a bag please contact Deb at 622-6173.

2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. A Taste of Chocolate Masonic Temple, 1712 Front St. Delicious Chocolate Baked Goods Pies, Candy, Cakes & More SEES Candy

5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Fort Benton "Christmas Church Tour"

Sponsored by the Bethany Chapter #42 Order of the Eastern Star. Tour starts at the Masonic Hall with the purchase of "Church Tour" ticket \$2.00. After the tour return for Hot Cocoa and a chance to purchase chocolate "Goodies".

5:00-8:00 p.m. Community Bible Church Live Nativity

Scene Please visit the church at 1600 Main Street to view.

6:00 PM -8:00 PM

Santa will be at WakeCup Coffee After the Parade

8:00 PM The Club House, Karaoke with Dennis McSweeney

LOMA

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 4, 5, 6,

Friday, December 4, Annual Christmas Dance

8:00 PM – 1:00 AM White Christmas Dance Sponsored by Loma Memorial Hall. An evening of dancing, to the local band, October Frost, games, prizes, drinks. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and 12 yrs. And younger FREE.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Bazaar and Bake Sale! Village of Loma Country Christmas Bazaar, at the Earth Science Museum. Featuring crafts and a community bake sale. Proceeds from the Bazaar will support the Loma Earth Science Museum. The Earth Museum will be open for viewing.

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sat. & Sun. The Trash and Treasure Shop will offer antiques from the past & collectables from the 30s to the 80s.

GERALDINE

Country Christmas Bazaar

Sunday – December 6th

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Country Christmas Bazaar- Arts &

Crafts Show – At the "Old" Auditorium – Featuring a wide variety of Arts and Crafts, Indian Tacos and fun for all ages. A silent auction will take place throughout the day on Center Pieces that will be decorated by local businesses and groups. Santa will arrive at 1:00 PM. Bring your camera.

The Holiday Shoppe M-F 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sat 11:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Open House at Ludeman's Country Market 10:00 – 4:00 P.M. Sun.

VIRGELLE

Virgelle Merc. Antiques Presents "A Real Country Christmas at a Real Country Store"

Saturday & Sunday - December 5th & 6th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Daily

Celebrate the season at Virgelle, MT. A Ghost Town along the Wild & Scenic Missouri River. Each year Virgelle Mercantile invites everyone to come and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas Season in a homestead-era setting. Come see the old ghost town of Virgelle all dressed up for the season. Refreshment will be served beside the old cook stove in the kitchen. Featuring a variety of antiques and collectibles, at special prices, works by various artisans, baked goods, and a silent auction of items throughout the town.

Driving Directions:

Virgelle Merc. Is located 8 miles off U.S. Highway 87 between Great Falls and Havre, MT. From Great Falls/Fort Benton, MT: Take HWY 87 North, continue through the town of Loma. 12 miles past Loma, and after passing mile post 66, take the next gravel road to your right. There are 2 signs at this turn off. Our sign says: MISSOURI RIVER CANOE CO. 8 miles. The Bureau of Land Management also has a sign for directions to Coal Banks Landing. Follow this gravel road to the river bottom, when you pass through a concrete underpass go right 1/8 mile to Virgelle. (1 and 1/2 hours travel time) From Havre, MT: Take HWY 87 and go South, toward Great Falls. After passing through Big Sandy continue about 7 miles and look for the HWY sign to Virgelle. Turn left and travel 8 miles on a gravel road to Virgelle. (1 hour travel time.)

Take the short drive to Virgelle, Montana, and see for yourself what everyone has been talking about.

Big Sandy

*Join us for a spectacular shopping
experience!*

Saturday, December 5th Only

7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Start your Morning at the Bear Paw Coffee Shop & Deli, 3 blocks east up main street in Big Sandy, with a delicious hot latte, coffee, hot chocolate or steamer and something sweet to stay or to go. Plan to treat yourself to a lunch break at the Deli. Kandi is preparing her famous cream of tomato and baked potato soups along with a menu of salads and sandwiches to meet your needs. Don't leave without pampering yourself to an early edible Christmas gift just for you!

Big Sandy Kwik Stop is more than just a convenience store. We have a full breakfast and lunch menu. Open 7 to 2 on Saturday and Sunday. Stop in and check us out.

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

40 + Crafters will be on hand with their art for your shopping pleasure. Entertainment and refreshments for the children while you shop. All this takes place at the Jerry Martin Memorial Hall.

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Leona's will have Homemade Noodles, Jams & Jellies, along with Farley's dollies.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Senior Citizen's Center - will be offering a Spaghetti Lunch, with bread sticks, salad and dessert. Baked goods and craft items will be available.

Chouteau County Country Christmas December 4, 5, 6, 2009

**Fort Benton Geraldine
Loma Virgelle
Big Sandy**



*Experience Christmas
festivities with a historical flair*

For more information call

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Under special events or
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Christmas Arts
Crafts & Antiques
Shows, Dance
Parade of Lights
And Business
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